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AIR FREIGHT UP 7.4% IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 26 -- Air freight increased 7.4 percent in February, compared with February a year ago, for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association, the ATA reported today.

Domestic air freight in February rose 6.8 percent. Mail declined 1.3 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 4.7 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers in February was up 8.2 percent. Mail was down 3.1 percent, amounting to a gain of 6.7 percent for the U.S. carriers' international cargo as a whole.

In the first two months of this year, domestic air freight rose 6.4 percent. Mail had a gain of 2.4 percent, and total cargo grew 5.4 percent.

The U.S. airlines international air freight during the first two months of 1986 was up 7.2 percent. Mail had a slight decline of 0.8 percent. Total cargo rose by 6.1 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
FEBRUARY 1986	284,552	91,891	376,443	229,347	30,980	260,327	513,899	636,770
FEBRUARY 1985	266,522	93,082	359,604	211,921	31,957	243,878	478,443	603,482
PERCENT CHANGE	6.8	(1.3)	4.7	8.2	(3.1)	6.7	7.4	5.5
2 MONTHS 1986	561,060	187,224	748,284	441,574	65,142	506,716	1,002,634	1,255,000
2 MONTHS 1985	527,198	182,809	710,007	411,786	65,679	477,465	938,984	1,187,472
PERCENT CHANGE	6.4	2.4	5.4	7.2	(0.8)	6.1	6.8	5.7

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.